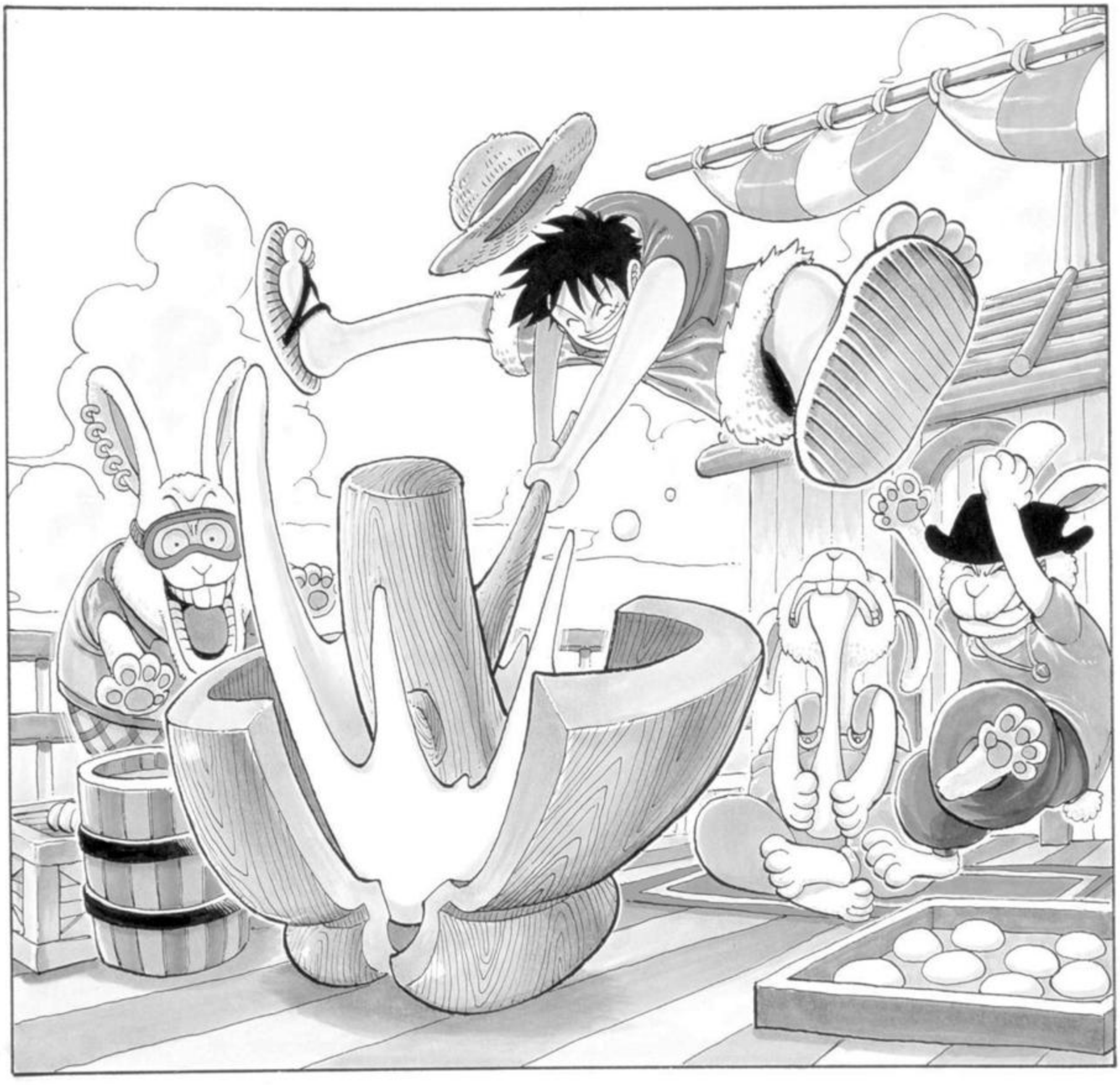
Chapter 22:
STRANGE CREATURES



SKREE

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TAP

YOU FIXED IT!!!

AND NOW YOU CAN'T EVEN TELL!

THANKS!! THAT HAT WAS FULL OF HOLES...

IT'LL BE FINE IF YOU AREN'T TOO ROUGH WITH IT.

POKE POKE POKE

I JUST SEWED UP THE HOLES...

IT'S A TEMPO-RARY FIX.

YEEOW!

YOU DON'T LISTEN!!

BUSU!!

!

POP

IT'S ALL-

OOPS!

CUT THE RACKET! I CAN'T SLEEP.

HMM... YOU'RE RIGHT!

AND I'M STARV-ING.

WELL, THAT'S THE ONLY WAY I CAN HURT YOU!

YOU STABBED ME WITH THAT NEEDLE!

HEY! I SEE SOME-THING!

YOU HAVE TO RESPECT THE SEA!

DON'T YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT SEAMANSHIP? YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE ANY FOOD OR WATER!

WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU GUYS?

HEY, SHARE SOME OF YOUR RATIONS WITH US!

IT LOOKS UNINHABITED. HOLD YOUR COURSE...

FORGET IT...

HEY! IT'S AN ISLAND!

WE MANAGE.

HOW HAVE YOU LUNK-HEADS SURVIVED THIS LONG?

MAYBE THERE'S SOMEONE THERE WHO WILL JOIN OUR CREW!

KREEK KREEK

DOOM

COME BACK!!!

MAYBE YOU CAN FIND SOME FOOD. BUT NAMI'S RIGHT. WE'RE NOT PREPARED.

WE'VE FOUND A DESERTED ISLAND!

OOOOO

LOOKS LIKE THERE'S NOTHING HERE BUT TREES!

I TOLD YOU IT WAS UNINHAB-ITED.

YOU WON'T FIND ANYONE TO JOIN YOUR CREW HERE.

HEY, ZOLO! GET OVER HERE!

DON

LET HIM REST. HE'S STILL RECOVERING FROM HIS INJURIES.

HMPH!

HE'S ASLEEP!

KRUNK

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PEOPLE, NO. HUNGRY MONSTERS, MAYBE.

MAYBE THERE ARE PEOPLE LIVING DEEP IN THE FOREST.

GO WHERE!?

GOOD THINKING! OKAY, LET'S GO!

WHAT *IS* THAT!?

KLUCK

TMP

TMP

HUH?

CLUCK

CLUCK

HUH?

KLUCK KLUCK KLUCK

TMP TMP ...

BUT MORE LIKE A WEIRD SNAKE THAN A RABBIT!

YEAH, WEIRD IS RIGHT.

SSSS

HEY, LOOK!

IT'S SOME KIND OF WEIRD RABBIT!

THERE'S SOME-THING ODD ABOUT THIS FOREST.

LION!? THAT'S SOME STRANGE BREED OF PIG!

GRUNT GRUNT

AND LOOK AT THAT LION!

SHUF SHUF

I... AM THE GUARDIAN OF THE FOREST!!

WHO ARE YOU?

WHO SAID THAT?

HUH?

DO NOT COME ANY FURTHER!!

HUH?

ARE YOU PIRATES?

THAT'S RIGHT.

WHY WOULD HE ASK US THAT?

SO YOU *ARE* PIRATES!

THAT'S RIGHT! IF YOU VALUE YOUR LIVES, YOU'LL LEAVE THIS PLACE NOW!

THE GUARD-IAN OF THE FOREST?

...

WHO CARES?

IF YOU DO, YOU MUST FACE THE TRIAL OF THE FOREST. WILL YOU RISK HAVING YOUR BODIES DISMEMBERED?

DON'T YOU DARE TAKE ANOTHER STEP INTO THIS FOREST!

WHAT'S HE TALKING ABOUT?

WHY'RE YOU ASKING ME ALL THIS STUFF?

NOW YOU MUST FACE THE TRIAL OF THE FOREST!

HUH?

?

I WARNED YOU NOT TO COME ANY CLOSER!

I THINK HE'S OVER THERE...

SHUF

SHUF

WHERE ARE YOU? SHOW YOUR-SELF!

WHAT DID YOU SAY, YOU STRAW-HATTED FOOL!?

I THINK SOME-THING'S WRONG WITH HIM.

AAAH!!

BAM

HUMF!

FWOOM

OOF!!

!!

WOING

WHAT...

WHAT *ARE* YOU?

WHAT ARE *YOU?*

NO, BUT THEY SCARE ME, TOO, SO I DON'T LIKE BEING SHOT!

WOW. EVEN BULLETS CAN'T HURT YOU!

TH-THAT REALLY SCARED ME! WAS THAT A GUN?

WHEW

...!!?

...HUH...!?

IT LOOKS REAL SUSPICIOUS!

WHAT'S THIS?

...

HUH——?

!

LOOK! THERE'S A PISTOL ON THE GROUND!

THE BULLET CAME FROM OVER HERE!

UNGH!!

PUMP

TUMP TUMP

HEY! IT'S MOVING!

HE LOOKS LIKE A SHRUB!

HELP ME UP, I SAID!

I-IT'S A PER-SON...

WIGGLE

TWITCH

HE TRIPPED HIMSELF, AND NOW HE'S ACTING INDIG-NANT.

DO

HEY! HELP ME UP!!

I'VE HEARD THE TALES...

THE DEVIL FRUIT, EH?

THE FRUIT OF THE GUM-GUM TREE...

HEY! THAT'S A STUPID JOKE!

WELL, WHEN I WAS YOUNG-ER...

ARE YOU A "BOXER"?

AND THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER SEEN A GUY STUCK IN A TREASURE CHEST!

OH!

BUT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER MET SOMEONE WHO'S EATEN THE FRUIT.

GAIMON
KEEPER OF THE ISLAND

YOU'VE BEEN ALL ALONE?

TWENTY YEARS!?

THAT'S RIGHT. TWENTY YEARS...

YOU CAN'T IMAGINE HOW MISER-ABLE I'VE BEEN!!

I'M STUCK AND I CAN'T GET OUT!!

I'VE BEEN ALONE ON THIS ISLAND FOR 20 YEARS!!!

AND I USED TO HAVE *TWO* EYE-BROWS!

THAT'S WHY MY HAIR AND BEARD ARE THIS LONG.

TWENTY YEARS... IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME...

...

I'LL MURDER YA!!!

YOU MUST BE STUPID!

YOU'RE STUCK!

YANK YANK

CUT IT OUT! YOU'LL BREAK MY NECK!!

OW! OUCH! WHAT'RE YOU DOING!?

I HAVEN'T HAD A CONVERSATION WITH ANOTHER PERSON IN ALL THAT TIME!

HOW DID YOU GET HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE?

BUT...

BY NOW, MY BODY'S GROWN INTO THE SHAPE OF THIS BOX!

I CAN'T GET OUT, AND IF YOU BREAK THE CHEST YOU'LL BREAK ME WITH IT.

DON'T BE RECKLESS! I HAVEN'T HAD ANY EXERCISE FOR ALL THESE YEARS...

READ THIS WAY

IT WAS GREAT! RISKING MY LIFE IN THE PURSUIT OF TREASURE!

REALLY?

WELL, I USED TO BE A PIRATE, TOO!

IT'S FUN, HUH?

THAT'S RIGHT! SO FAR I ONLY HAVE A CREW OF THREE.

YOU SAID YOU WERE A PIRATE?

I'VE GOT A MAP OF THE ***GRAND LINE!***

YOU GOT A TREASURE MAP?

YOU'RE NOT SERIOUSLY THINKING ABOUT ENTERING THE ***GRAND LINE!?***

WHAT!? THE ***ONE PIECE?***

I'M GOING AFTER THE ***ONE PIECE!!***

HOW CAN THEY CALL THEM-SELVES PIRATES?

YOU CAN'T!?

I CAN'T READ MAPS!

HAHAHAHAHA

PATHETIC...

I DON'T KNOW. CAN YOU TELL ME WHERE IT IS, MR. SHRUB?

WHERE IS THIS GRAND LINE?

SO...

IT'S THE STRIP OF LAND THAT DIVIDES THE OCEANS.

YEAH...

YOU KNOW WHERE THE RED LINE IS, RIGHT?

FWIP

OKAY, LOOK!

AND THERE'S A STRIP OF LAND THAT DIVIDES THE TWO SEAS.

THAT'S THE RED LINE!

N

W

E

S

REDLINE

THAT'S RIGHT! THE WORLD HAS TWO OCEANS!

AND THERE'S A SEA ROUTE THAT CUTS THROUGH THAT TOWN AND GOES AROUND THE WORLD.

THAT'S THE GRAND LINE!!

REDLINE

GRAND LINE

NOW, THERE'S A TOWN AT THE CENTER OF THE RED LINE...

HMM. ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS SAIL AROUND THE WORLD!

IF THE ONE PIECE IS SOMEWHERE ALONG THAT LINE...

THEY SAY IT'S THE MOST DANGEROUS SEA ROUTE.

GOLD ROGER, THE KING OF PIRATES, WAS THE ONLY PERSON WHO EVER MANAGED TO RULE IT.

I'VE SEEN PIRATES WHO'VE MANAGED TO MAKE IT BACK FROM THAT VOYAGE...

YES...

THE GRAND LINE...

THEY ALSO CALL THE GRAND LINE THE PIRATES' GRAVEYARD, Y'KNOW!

DON'T BE DENSE! IT'S NOT SO EASY!

READ THIS WAY

WHETHER PIRATES OR MONSTERS...

THEY'VE SEEN TERRIBLE THINGS.

THEY'RE BROKEN MEN, ALMOST ZOMBIES!

YOU CAN TELL JUST BY LOOKING AT 'EM...

ULP

...!

THE GRAND LINE IS A PLACE OF HORROR!

NONE WILL SPEAK OF IT...

BUT THE SIGHT OF 'EM'S PROOF ENOUGH...

AND NO ONE'S GOT THAT LEGENDARY TREASURE YET.

BUT IT'S BEEN TWENTY-ODD YEARS SINCE THE GREAT AGE OF PIRATES STARTED...

IT'S HARD TO TELL TRUTH FROM RUMOR...

TO FIND THE ONE PIECE AND COME BACK ALIVE IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE!

GIVE IT UP! THERE'S PLENTY OF OTHER TREASURE TO BE HAD.

BUT I THINK WE'LL FIND IT.

MAYBE SO...

UNDERSTAND? THE SEARCH FOR THE ONE PIECE IS A FOOL'S DREAM!

WHY GET OUR-SELVES KILLED?

...

FINE... I DON'T KNOW WHERE YOUR CONFI-DENCE COMES FROM...

WE'LL FIND IT! I'M VERY LUCKY!

I STILL HAVE HOPE!

HOPE!

WHAT, MR. SHRUB MAN?

I'LL TELL YOU WHY I HAVEN'T LEFT THIS ISLAND!

READ THIS WAY

WE'D HEARD THERE WAS TREASURE HERE.

I WAS A PIRATE WHEN I CAME TO THIS ISLAND.

TWENTY YEARS AGO...

ABOUT WHAT?

AND ALL WE'VE FOUND IS ONE BROKEN, EMPTY TREASURE CHEST!

WACK

IT'S NO USE SEARCHING THIS ISLAND ANYMORE!

ALL 200 OF US HAVE BEEN HUNTING FOR THREE WEEKS...

WE EVEN HAD A MAP OF IT.

ALL RIGHT!

WE'RE LEAVING!

HEY, GAIMON, COME ON!

GAIMON
(20 YEARS AGO)

YARR!!

ALL HANDS BACK TO THE SHIP!!

...UNH...
...UNH...
KRFF
WAP
KRFF
I WONDER IF ANYONE ACTUALLY WENT UP THERE AND LOOKED?
HMM, THAT CLIFF...
THE CAPTAIN WAS STANDING IN FRONT OF IT THE WHOLE TIME.
I COULDN'T BELIEVE MY EYES!
!!!
I FOUND IT!
TA-
DA!
IT'S UP HERE!!!
AND I FELL INTO THIS TREASURE CHEST AND GOT STUCK!
FOOM
WUNK
GYAAAAA!!
SLIP
HEY, EVERY-BODY!!
!!?

TH-
THEY'RE
SAILING!!!

MY
CREWMATES
HAD
ALREADY
SET SAIL...

AAAA

AAH!

WHEN
I
WOKE
UP...

SHUFFLE

I CAN'T
CLIMB
UP THE
CLIFF
LIKE
THIS!
I'M
STUCK!!

TUMP

ARRGGGHH!!!

THAT
MEANS
THE
TREASURE
IS ALL
MINE!

HMMM...

HOHOHA!!!

MOSTLY
PIRATES
LOOKING FOR
TREASURE. BUT I
SCARED 'EM ALL
OFF WITH MY
TRIAL OF THE
FOREST BIT.

LOTS
OF
PEO-
PLE...

NO,
PEOPLE
CAME...

AND
NOBODY'S
BEEN HERE
FOR 20
YEARS?

COME
BACK,
YOU
GUYS!

AAA-A

IT'S MINE! ALL MINE!!!

ALL THIS TIME, I'VE PROTECTED THAT TREASURE!

IF ONLY I WEREN'T STUCK IN THIS CHEST!

I JUST CAN'T BRING MYSELF TO PART WITH IT.

ALL THAT TREASURE I SAW UP ON THE CLIFF...

IT'S RIGHT-FULLY YOURS!!

YOU'RE ABSO-LUTELY RIGHT!

SHUT UP! I'M A THIEF, BUT I'M NOT HEARTLESS!

BUT YOU'RE A PIRATE AND A THIEF.

REALLY? THAT WOULD BE GREAT!!

GAIMON! I'LL GO UP THERE AND GET THAT TREASURE FOR YOU!

YE—AH!

I'M GLAD I TOLD YOU MY STORY!

DA

DOOM

HERE WE ARE!

THIS IS IT!

IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I CAME HERE.

FINALLY!!

TODAY'S THE DAY!!

OH BOY!! THE TREASURE IS SO CLOSE!!!

LIKE YOU TOLD US?

WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ANYBODY ELSE YOUR STORY?

NONE OF THE OTHERS EVER TRIED TO TALK TO ME.

I NEVER TRUSTED ANYBODY.

BESIDES...

READ THIS WAY

OKAY...

I'M COUNTING ON YOU, STRAW HAT BOY!

WELL, I CERTAINLY CAN'T CLIMB THAT SHEER CLIFF!

YOU WANT ME TO DO IT?

DO YOUR STUFF.

LUFFY...

WUP

SPRING

HE DID IT!!

BREEEN

WUK

WOW!!

THROW 'EM DOWN HERE!

YIPPEE!!

HA HA HA HA HA!

BUT DON'T DROP THEM ON US!

FIVE TREASURE CHESTS!!!

I SEE THEM!!!

...

HUH!?

STOP JOKING AROUND AND THROW 'EM DOWN HERE!!

LUFFY, ARE YOU INSANE?

FORGET IT!

IT'S OKAY. HE DOESN'T WANT TO DO IT.

DARN IT, LUFFY!

HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT? IT'S *YOUR* TREASURE!

FORGET IT! I DON'T WANT TO!

THROW THEM DOWN!!

YOU'RE A GOOD KID!!!

Y-YOU'RE...

STRAW HAT BOY!

BUT...

...

I JUST DIDN'T WANT TO BELIEVE IT.

PWUMP

I HAD MY FEARS...

I SUS-PECTED THIS MIGHT BE THE CASE...

SNIF SNIF...

WHAT!?

...AREN'T THEY?

THEY'RE EMPTY...

BO

IT HAPPENS ALL THE TIME...

WITH TREASURE MAPS...

SOB

YOU GET YOUR HANDS ON A TREASURE MAP, BUT SOME-ONE'S ALREADY TAKEN THE LOOT...

YEP...

THEY'RE ALL EMPTY!

WHAT?

READ THIS WAY

...

AND THEY WERE EMPTY...

BUT YOU'VE BEEN GUARDING THEM FOR 20 YEARS!

ANOTHER 30 YEARS AND YOUR WHOLE LIFE WOULD HAVE PASSED YOU BY!

KID...

DON'T FEEL BAD, MR. SHRUB HEAD!! YOU'RE LUCKY WE SHOWED UP!

HAHAHAHAHAHAHA

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA!!

YOU WANT ME TO JOIN YOUR CREW?

YOU WANT...

YOU'RE GOING AFTER THE ONE PIECE WITH ME.

WELL, ONLY ONE THING WILL MAKE UP FOR A DISAPPOINTMENT LIKE THIS...

LUFFY...

YOU REALLY WANT TO STAY ON THIS ISLAND?

ARE YOU SURE?

SWOOSH

WHY?

THERE'S NO TREASURE, BUT I CAN STILL BE THE GUARDIAN OF THE FOREST!

NICE OF YOU TO ASK ME TO JOIN YOU, BUT THIS IS MY HOME!

YES...

I'VE GROWN FOND OF THOSE CRITTERS AFTER ALL THESE YEARS.

MORE PEOPLE COME TO THIS ISLAND LOOKING FOR EXOTIC ANIMALS THAN FOR TREASURE.

I DON'T WANT TO ABANDON THEM.

ALL THOSE WEIRD SNAKE-RABBITS AND LION-PIGS?

DID YOU SEE ALL THE UNUSUAL ANIMALS THAT LIVE IN THE FOREST?

TOO BAD YOU WON'T BE COMING WITH US. I KINDA LIKE YOU.

I CAN FINALLY STOP FRETTING ABOUT IT AND ENJOY THIS ISLAND!

IN A WAY, I'M RELIEVED THAT THERE'S NO TREASURE.

WATCH IT, BUSTER!!

YOU'RE SORT OF AN EXOTIC ANIMAL YOURSELF!

SEE YA!

THANKS! I WILL!

NOW GO FIND THE ONE PIECE...

AND MAKE THE WORLD YOUR OYSTER!!

YOU'LL GET YOUR-SELF A GREAT CREW!!

AND RESUME THEIR VOYAGE TO THE GRAND LINE!

AND SO LUFFY AND HIS FRIENDS LEAVE GAIMON ON HIS ISLAND...

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